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SUBJ: ESTABLISHMENT OF JAPANESE DOWN RANGE TRACKING STATION
ON KWAJALEIN

REF: TOKYO A-868

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NOTE VERBALE FROM JAPANESE FONOFF "TO INFORM THAT NASDA IS PLANNING TO ESTABLISH DOWN RANGE STATION IN THE US NATIONAL RANGE ON KWAJALEIN ISLAND DURING APRIL 1, 1975 - MARCH 31, 1977" AND REQUESTING "UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION" OF USG. NOTE ALSO ATTACHES LISTS OF (1) USG FACILITIES AND SERVICES WHICH JAPAN WISHES TO USE, AND (2) LIST OF EQUIPMENT TO BE INSTALLED BY NASDA IN THE STATION. TEXT OF NOTE AND EQUIPMENT LIST, AND EMBASSY TRANSLATION, WILL BE POUCHED.

2. IN DISCUSSING NOTE VERBALE, FONOFF NOTED THAT LOCATION OF STATION IN US BASE IN KWAJALEIN, AS US HAS SUGGESTED, PRESENTED POLITICAL PROBLEMS FOR JAPAN. IMPLICATION WAS THAT THIS WAS REASON FOR LONG DELAY IN JAPANESE DECISION TO MAKE OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF KWAJALEIN STATION. FONOFF HOPES TO RECEIVE US RESPONSE TO NOTE IN NEAR FUTURE, FOLLOWING WHICH IT WOULD AUTHORIZE VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY OFFICIALS OF STA TO DEVELOP DETAILED TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF STATION.

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3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY AUTHORIZATION TO RESPOND TO FONOFF NOTE, EXPRESSING US AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO LOCATION OF STATION AT KWAJALEIN DURING TIME PERIOD INDICATED, AND WELCOMING DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPANESE OFFICIALS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF DETAILED TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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